

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS URGING DART TO CONSTRUCT AN AERIAL CROSSING OF THE COTTON BELT REGIONAL RAIL LINE AT MIDWAY ROAD IN ADDISON AND TO DESIGN THE AERIAL CROSSING TO COMPLIMENT AND MIMIC THE DESIGN OF ADDISON'S WHEELER BRIDGE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, DART has approved funding of the Cotton Belt regional rail line and is now engaged in the design of the line from DFW Airport to Plano; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Addison values the opportunity to participate in the design discussions for the Cotton Belt; and

WHEREAS, the Town agrees with DART that an at-grade crossing at Midway Road will have significant negative impacts on the traffic flow on Midway Road warranting an aerial crossing at that location; and

WHEREAS, the Town agrees with DART staff that an aerial crossing will have a negative visual impact on the Wheeler Bridge designed and constructed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, visual mitigation is necessary to preserve the positive cultural contribution of the Wheeler Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the DART aerial crossing must be carefully designed to complement and mimic the design aesthetic of the Wheeler Bridge, including an arched structure with faux suspension cables; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to minimize the vertical structural elements in and adjacent to the roadway to complement the intentional design of the Wheeler Bridge to span the entire right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Town desires that DART proceed with design of an aerial crossing of the Cotton Belt line at Midway Road and that the crossing be designed at a minimum based on the conceptual image attached as **Exhibit A**, hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective from and after the date of passage.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS,
this the 12th day of December, 2017.

Joe Chow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Wilson, Interim City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda N. McDonald, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

